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October 8, 2014

California Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
Financial Assistance Branch  
Attn: Zaffar Eusuff  
Post Office Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236

**Subject: Confirmation of San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's Eligibility for 2014 IRWM Drought Grant Funding and Recommended Funding Level**

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

The purpose of this letter is to thank the California Department of Water Resources (Department) for rescinding the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (District) designation as "disqualified due to CASGEM non-compliance," and for re-assessing draft funding allocations.

The District applied for 2014 IRWM Drought Grant funding through your Department to secure emergency drinking water supplies for the drought impacted communities of Cambria, San Simeon, Heritage Ranch, and Santa Margarita, along with critical public institutions including the County Emergency Operations Center, the California Men's Colony, Cuesta College, California National Guard at Camp San Luis Obispo and the County Superintendent of Schools.

As evidenced by the application's third highest score in the State, your Department found that our application meets your Department's intent "to target the 2014 IRWM Drought Grant funding to IRWM regions with the greatest drought impacts" and meets the intent of the Governor and Legislature's direction via Senate Bills 103 and 104 to provide expedited funding for immediate relief to drought affected communities.

District Staff has worked with DWR CASGEM Program Staff throughout 2014 to develop groundwater basin CASGEM plans and to become officially approved as the designated Monitoring Entity. Per emails on October 6, 2014, DWR CASGEM Program Staff designated the District as the Monitoring Entity for all High and Medium Priority groundwater basins (see Attachments 1, 2). We believe the information provided to DWR demonstrates the District is willing and able to fill data gaps and is therefore

eligible to receive the 2014 IRWM Drought Grant funding in accordance with CASGEM program guidelines (Procedures for Monitoring Entity Reporting, pg. 15) and the requirements of California Water Code §10920 *et seq.*, inclusive of §10933.5. The District's county-wide groundwater elevation monitoring program has been a critical component of water management efforts for the last sixty years. As with our successful efforts to adapt our historical water management efforts into your Department's IRWM program (our updated IRWM Plan was the only plan to receive a 100% passing score), we will continue to work with your Department to improve CASGEM plans for our basins and implement the plans in coordination with your Department on an ongoing basis.

Timing is of the essence when it comes to implementing the projects that will secure emergency drinking water supplies for our communities, and we trust your staff will take this into consideration when assessing final funding recommendations.

### ***Funding Recommendation***

Based on the presentation made by DWR staff at the September 30, 2014 public comment meeting, the District has the following recommendations for funding:

1. The balance of \$4,937,016 is brought forward into this funding round.
2. The application score of 34 is funded at 100%, which is consistent with other applications given lower scores. We recognize that scores in the San Diego Funding Area of 28, 24 and 21 are funded at 100% although they received scores considerably lower than 34. In addition, the San Diego Funding Area ranked 7<sup>th</sup> on your Drought Impact/Need table; whereas, the Central Coast Funding Area ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and our partner agencies greatly appreciate both the efforts of DWR Staff, and the opportunity to fund critical drought relief projects in local communities. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact me at (805) 781-5252 or Courtney Howard of my staff at (805) 781-1016.

Sincerely,



DAVE FLYNN  
Interim Director, Department of Public Works



c: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors  
Cambria Community Services District  
San Simeon Community Services District  
Heritage Ranch Community Services District  
Courtney Howard, Water Resources Engineer

Attachments:

1. DWR Email Notification: Designation as Monitoring Entity for CASGEM Program
2. DWR Map of Monitored and Unmonitored High and Medium Priority Basins and Portions of Basins in the CASGEM Program as of October 7, 2014

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Attachment 1

DWR Email Notification: Designation as  
Monitoring Entity for CASGEM Program

**From:** [no-reply@water.ca.gov](mailto:no-reply@water.ca.gov)  
**To:** [scrantor@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:scrantor@co.slo.ca.us)  
**Subject:** Email Notification - Designation as Monitoring Entity for the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program  
**Date:** 10/06/2014 04:59 PM

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Dear Syllas Cranor:

Thank you for volunteering to be a Monitoring Entity for the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) received your notification that San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District intends to assume responsibility for monitoring and reporting local groundwater elevations for the CASGEM program.

Based on review and verification of the information that you submitted to DWR via the CASGEM Online Submittal System, San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District is designated as the Monitoring Entity for the 3-8 Los Osos Valley.

This is a courtesy automated Email notification. You will also be receiving formal correspondence from DWR regarding your designation as a CASGEM Monitoring Entity.

Thank you for your participation in the CASGEM program.

Sincerely,  
Brett Wyckoff  
Senior Engineering Geologist  
CASGEM Program  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management

**From:** [no-reply@water.ca.gov](mailto:no-reply@water.ca.gov)  
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Based on review and verification of the information that you submitted to DWR via the CASGEM Online Submittal System, San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District is designated as the Monitoring Entity for the 3-13 Cuyama Valley - San Luis Obispo County FC&WC District's Area.

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Sincerely,  
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Senior Engineering Geologist  
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**Subject:** Email Notification - Designation as Monitoring Entity for the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program  
**Date:** 10/06/2014 05:05 PM

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Based on review and verification of the information that you submitted to DWR via the CASGEM Online Submittal System, San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District is designated as the Monitoring Entity for the 3-12 Santa Maria River Valley - San Luis Obispo County FC&WC District's Area.

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Brett Wyckoff  
Senior Engineering Geologist  
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**Date:** 10/07/2014 09:06 AM

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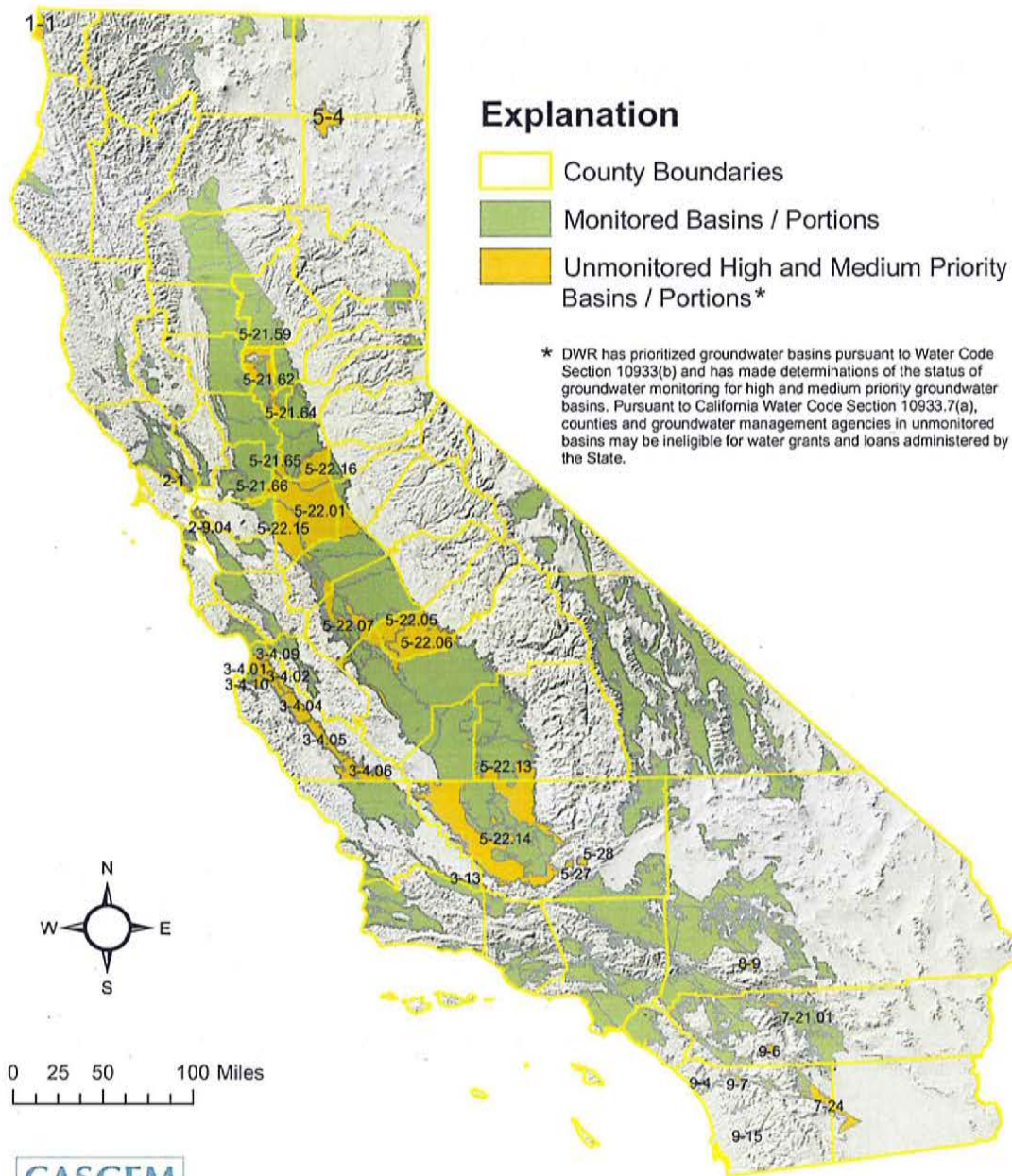
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Attachment 2

DWR Map of Monitored and Unmonitored High and Medium Priority Basins and  
Portions of Basins in the CASGEM Program as of October 7, 2014

# Monitored Groundwater Basins, and Unmonitored High and Medium Priority Basins and Portions of Basins, in the CASGEM Program as of October 7, 2014



## References:

CASGEM Online System -  
<http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem/>

CASGEM Basin Prioritization -  
[http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem/basin\\_prioritization.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem/basin_prioritization.cfm)

Data current as of October 7, 2014.  
 Data subject to change without notice.

